

IN THE CLAIMS:

In the pending claims, please cancel claims 12, 20, 36, 40 and 44.

Please amend claims 9, 17, 33, 37 and 41 as follows.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of repairing a light emitting device comprising a step of:

applying a first voltage and a second voltage ~~in order~~ alternatively between an anode and a cathode of the light emitting device,

wherein the anode and the cathode are located in a light emitting element with a light emitting layer interposed therebetween, and

~~wherein the first voltage and the second voltage are reverse bias voltages of different levels~~ a difference between the first voltage and the second voltage gradually increases with time.

10. A method according to claim 9, wherein the first voltage and the second voltage are within $\pm 15\%$ of an avalanche voltage of the light emitting element.

11. A method according to claim 9, wherein the light emitting element is an electroluminescence element.

12. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method of repairing a light emitting device comprising a step of:

applying a first voltage and a second voltage ~~in order~~ alternatively between an anode and a cathode of the light emitting device, thereby making a portion where a reverse-bias current flows between the anode and the cathode ~~insulating~~ insulative or highly resistive, and

wherein the anode and the cathode are located in a light emitting element with a light emitting layer interposed therebetween, and

wherein ~~the first voltage and the second voltage are reverse bias voltages of different levels~~ a difference between the first voltage and the second voltage gradually increases with time.

18. A method according to claim 17, wherein the first voltage and the second voltage are within $\pm 15\%$ of an avalanche voltage of the light emitting element.

19. A method according to claim 17, wherein the light emitting element is an electroluminescence element.

20. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A method of repairing a light emitting device comprising a step of:

applying a first voltage and a second voltage ~~in order~~ alternatively between an anode and a cathode of the light emitting device,

wherein the anode and the cathode are located in a light emitting element with a light emitting layer interposed therebetween, [[and]]

wherein the first voltage is a ground voltage while the second voltage is a reverse bias voltage, and

wherein a difference between the first voltage and the second voltage gradually increases with time.

34. A method according to claim 33, wherein the reverse bias voltage is within $\pm 15\%$ of an avalanche voltage of the light emitting element.

35. A method according to claim 33, wherein the light emitting element is an electroluminescence element.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A method of repairing a light emitting device comprising a step of:

~~gradually~~ changing a voltage applied between an anode and an cathode of the light emitting device from a first voltage to a second voltage alternatively,

wherein the anode and the cathode are located in a light emitting element with a light emitting layer interposed therebetween, [[and]]

wherein one of the first voltage and the second voltage is a ground voltage while the other is a reverse bias voltage, and

wherein a difference between the first voltage and the second voltage gradually increases with time.

38. A method according to claim 37, wherein the reverse bias voltage is within $\pm 15\%$ of an avalanche voltage of the light emitting element.

39. A method according to claim 37, wherein the light emitting element is an electroluminescence element.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) A method of repairing a light emitting device comprising a step of:

applying a first voltage and a second voltage ~~in order~~ alternatively between an anode and a cathode of the light emitting

device, thereby making a portion where a reverse-bias current flows between the anode and the cathode ~~insulating~~ insulative or highly resistive, and

wherein the anode and the cathode are located in a light emitting element with a light emitting layer interposed therebetween, [[and]]

wherein the first voltage is a ground voltage while the second voltage is a reverse bias voltage, and

wherein a difference between the first voltage and the second voltage gradually increases with time.

42. A method according to claim 41, wherein the reverse bias voltage is within $\pm 15\%$ of an avalanche voltage of the light emitting element.

43. A method according to claim 41, wherein the light emitting element is an electroluminescence element.

44. (Canceled)

Please add new claims 59-63 as follows.

--59. (New) A method according to claim 9, wherein the light emitting layer comprises a defect portion.

60.(New) A method according to claim 17, wherein the light emitting layer comprises a defect portion.

61.(New) A method according to claim 33, wherein the light emitting layer comprises a defect portion.

62.(New) A method according to claim 37, wherein the light emitting layer comprises a defect portion.

63.(New) A method according to claim 41, wherein the light emitting layer comprises a defect portion.--